

## "I heard it through the Grapevine"



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Your feedback is  
appreciated.

### **1999 DCMC Software CAS Conference**

The deadline to identify persons who will attend this years conference was August 1. The deadline for making your hotel reservations is **TODAY** - August 13. See DCMC Task Memo>> ([http://www.dcmc.hq.dla.mil/memos/info/99\\_ltrs/dc99-233.htm](http://www.dcmc.hq.dla.mil/memos/info/99_ltrs/dc99-233.htm)).

Visit the DCMC home page for detailed information under events>> ([http://www.dcmc.hq.dla.mil/Ref\\_Info/sw-symp/index.htm](http://www.dcmc.hq.dla.mil/Ref_Info/sw-symp/index.htm)).

Conference materials will be posted by August 18<sup>th</sup>; we're trying to avoid changes to materials once posted.

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### **Software Performance Maturity Model**

Model excerpt -

With the growing complexity of software design and development, a creditable, consistent, and practical approach is necessary across the Command to support customer needs. Information DCMC provides should enhance program office decisions associated with cost, schedule, and performance. Currently, there is no method to consistently evaluate Contract Administration Office (CAO) Software CAS performance, which identifies clear goals for CAO performance improvement.

To assist in performance evaluation and improvement, the Command's Software Center has developed a performance model derived from features within the Software Engineering Institute (SEI) Software Acquisition Capability Maturity Model (SA-CMM). Additionally, some features of the Federal Aviation Administration integrated Capability Maturity Model (FAA-iCMM) and Capability Maturity Model<sup>®</sup> Integrated Software/Systems Engineering (CMM<sup>®</sup>-I-SW/SE) draft version 0.1 were also included in the performance model. A software performance evaluation using the DCMC Software Performance Maturity Model

provides a CAO with insight to the activities performed by their Software Professional(s) and the potential to improve the performance of CAO Teams in satisfying customer needs in the software skill area.

The data compiled as a result of the software performance evaluation will allow the Center to readily identify potential assistance areas to CAOs, and identify needs to adjust Command training, policy, or guidance in the software skill area. It will also allow a CAO Commander to gain insight to existing Software CAS performance, and chart a path for improvement.

Attached below is a copy of the model



SPMMV23.doc

which is referenced in DCMC Task Memo 99-255.

<http://www.dcmc.hq.dla.mil/memos/info/suspense.htm>

The formal announcement for the associated model training (attached below) has also been made by Workforce Development.



Software Performance  
Maturity ...

Other documents related to the Model will be distributed shortly;  
all will be made available and discussed in detail during the scheduled training.

If you're interested in participating in or learning more about this initiative, contact .....

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## **FYI**

In lieu of DCMC Software Surveillance, you're going to start noticing the term DCMC Software CAS used to identify our skill area services to customers.

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